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HOUSE BILL 2302  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3,  
relative to water quality control.

WHEREAS, the general assembly finds that maintenance of creeks and streams  
traversing and bordering agricultural forestry lands within the state is essential to good soil  
conservation and to the preservation of crops and timber and the protection of public and private  
bridges, roads, homes, schools, and businesses; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-3-120(g), is amended by  
redesignating the existing language thereof as subdivision (1) and adding thereto the  
following sentence:

An agricultural or forest activity shall specifically include the use of the most  
practical equipment to remove downed trees, debris, gravel and sandbars from  
creeks, streams and ditches, excluding rivers, that traverse or border any  
agricultural or forestry lands and any activity designed to return such creeks and  
streams to their original channels when appropriate.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-120(g), is further  
amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(2) The legislative bodies of the several counties shall establish boards of control  
to oversee and regulate any agricultural or forestry lands maintenance activities

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proposed to be performed in such creeks, streams and ditches, excluding rivers, with their geographical boundaries. Such boards of control shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the county executive for a term of four (4) years. The members shall be residents of the county and shall own forestry or agricultural lands therein.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.